

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

March 21, 1947
3:00 P.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

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In pursuance of call by Mayor Tom Miller, the City Council convened in special session at the regular meeting place in the Council Chamber in the Municipal Building on Friday, March 21, 1947, at 3:00 P. M., with the Mayor presiding.

Roll call:

Present : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller,
 Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf - 5
Absent : None

The following NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING was ordered spread on the Minutes:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Austin will be held on the 21st day of March, 1947, at the Municipal Building, Eighth and Colorado Streets, in Austin, Texas, at three o'clock P. M. for the purpose of adopting ordinances for the issuance of bonds of the City of Austin in accordance with the sale conducted at the regular meeting of the City Council March 20, 1947, and for the further purposes of discussing the sale of land belonging to the City of Austin and conducting a hearing on the request of subdividers to use Zilker Park as a means of ingress and egress to their properties.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1947.

TOM MILLER
Mayor, City of Austin, Texas

Hallie McKellar
City Clerk, City of Austin, Texas.

CONSENT TO MEETING

We, the undersigned members of the City Council, hereby accept service of the foregoing notice, waiving any and all irregularities in such service and such notice, and consent and agree that said City Council shall meet at the time and place therein named, and for the purposes therein stated.

OSWALD G. WOLF

HOMER THORNBERRY

TAYLOR GLASS

E. C. BARTHOLOMEW

Mayor Miller then presented to the Council request of The National City Bank of New York to be named paying agents in the City of New York, State of New York, for the \$3,320,000.00 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Austin, sold to The National City Bank of New York and associates. Mayor Miller stated that the request of The National City Bank of New York had been made in person by W. D. Cooper, Jr., of Austin, Texas, the duly authorized agent and representative of The National City Bank of New York and associates in bidding on the bonds, and also in the form of a telegram addressed to Mayor Miller from D. B. Scudder, Assistant Vice President of The National City Bank of New York. The telegram was laid before the Council, and read in full as follows:

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HON TOM MILLER, MAYOR CITY OF AUSTIN

CITY HALL AUSTIN TEX--

HAVING PURCHASED THE \$3,320,000 AUSTIN BOND ISSUE, WE RESPECTFULLY PETITION THAT THE NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK BE DESIGNATED THE NEW YORK CITY PAYING AGENT. OUR CHARGES WILL NOT EXCEED RATES YOU ARE NOW PAYING, AND ALL MATTERS CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT INCONVENIENCE TO YOU. OUR REQUEST IS SUPPORTED BY OUR ACTIVITY IN UNDERWRITING AND INVESTING IN TEXAS MUNICIPAL CREDITS. WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THIS INTEREST PARTICULARLY ON FUTURE ISSUES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BONDS. IF THERE IS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION YOU NEED, PLEASE TELEPHONE OR WIRE US COLLECT. WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION.

D. B. SCUDDER

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT

THE NATL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK

On motion of Councilman Wolf, duly seconded, the City Council voted to designate The National City Bank of New York as commercial paying agents for the \$3,320,000.00 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Austin in the City of New York, together with the City Treasurer, in Austin, Texas, at the option of the bond holders, the motion prevailing by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilman Thornberry, and Councilman Wolf

Noes: None

Absent: None

Councilman Wolf then moved that the City Manager be instructed to formally recognize and enter into contract with The National City Bank of New York and associates for the sale of said \$3,320,000.00 General Obligation Bonds of the City of Austin. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilman Bartholomew, Councilman Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilman Thornberry, and Councilman Wolf

Noes : None

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING HANGARS AND OTHER BUILDINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY LANDS AND EQUIPMENT THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Wolf moved that the rules be suspended and the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornberry and the same prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf - 5

Noes : None

Absent: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Wolf moved that the rules be further suspended and the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornberry and the same prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilmen Thornberry and Wolf - 5

Noes : None

Absent: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Wolf moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornberry, and the same prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilmen
Thornberry and Wolf - 5
Noes: None
Absent: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF
FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) FOR
THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING EX-
TENSIONS, ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS TO THE ELECT-
RIC LIGHT AND POWER WORKS AND SYSTEM OF THE
CITY OF AUSTIN AND FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY LANDS
AND EQUIPMENT THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE PAY-
MENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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the rules be suspended and the ordinance be passed to its second reading.
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Noes : None
Absent: None

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Thornberry and Wolf - 5
Noes : None
Absent: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF
SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) FOR
THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING LANDS FOR RIGHTS OF WAY
FOR STREETS AND BOULEVARDS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN;
PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Noes : None

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Noes : None

Absent:None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING PUBLIC PARKS AND PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND FOR CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING AND REPAIRING BUILDINGS AND OTHER RECREATION FACILITIES OF SAID PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS, AND FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY LANDS AND EQUIPMENT THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY,

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Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilmen
Thornberry and Wolf - 5

Noes : None

Absent:None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF
FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$580,000.00)
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING
EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS, AND BETTERMENTS TO THE
SANITARY SEWERS AND SEWER DISPOSAL PLANTS OF
THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
AND FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY LANDS AND EQUIPMENT
FOR SAID SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT
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Thornberry and Wolf - 5

Noes : None

Absent:None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,250,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, IMPROVING, AND REPAIRING PUBLIC FREE SCHOOL BUILDINGS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY LANDS AND EQUIPMENT FOR SAID SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Ayes : Councilmen Bartholomew, Glass, Mayor Miller, Councilmen
Thornberry and Wolf - 5

Noes : None

Absent:None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$230,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, INCLUDING PAVING OR RESURFACING THE SAME, AND FOR BUILDING BRIDGES, CULVERTS, STORM SEWERS AND DRAINS NECESSARY TO THE PROPER IMPROVEMENT OF SAID STREETS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Noes : None

Absent:None

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The following ordinance was introduced by Mayor Miller:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, TO THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$200,000.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING EXTENSIONS, ADDITIONS, AND BETTERMENTS TO THE WATER WORKS AND SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY LANDS AND EQUIPMENT THEREFOR; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Noes : None

Absent:None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Mayor then stated that the next order of business would be consideration of the formal application of Geo. B. Hatley, subdivider of Rollingwood Addition, for official approval of an entrance into Zilker Park from his Addition, which would also serve Bluffington Addition; and to try to bring these two subdividers into agreement so that one street would enter the Park; it having come to the attention of the City Council that three entrances into the Park had been cut by the subdividers without permission from the City. It was further stated by the Mayor that these two additions being outside the city limits, the City had no actual jurisdiction over same, but that under a "gentlemen's agreement" between the County and the City, the City must approve all subdivision near the city limits.

The question of selecting the most suitable route through Bluffington and Rollingwood Additions into Zilker Park was then discussed at length, the disagreement between the subdividers arising over a change in route as shown on the preliminary plat of Rollingwood Addition giving Bluffington Addition entrance into Rollingwood, upon which it depends for outlet.

The route suggested by the City for entrance into Zilker Park was opposed by Geo. B. Hatley, who stated that same would work a hardship on his subdivision, and suggested instead that the old Bee Cave Road be used, which would be widened and paved and a bridge built at their expense, as a logical way to get into his property as well as out of it, rather than a road that would go into the bed of the creek and cross that stream three times.

A. B. Hatley, subdivider of Bluffington Addition, stated that 60% of his land had been sold and that he must have proper entrance to it, either by a separate entrance to the Park, or the use of the Rollingwood Road shown on the preliminary plat approved by the City Plan Commission, and on which Bluffington Addition was laid out; that on account of the change of route by Geo. B. Hatley, the street in his subdivision scheduled to join with the Rollingwood Road missed it by one hundred feet, and that the Rollingwood Road is a deviation from the preliminary plat approved by the City Plan Commission.

Following a lengthy discussion, the matter was postponed to Monday, March 24, at 3:00 P. M., at the request of Geo. B. Hatley, in order that he might negotiate for the re-purchase of a lot necessary for the route originally agreed to for the road in question.

Upon motion, seconded and carried, the meeting was then recessed, subject to call of the Mayor.

Approved: _____

Tom Miller

MAYOR

Attest:

Helene M. Allen

CITY CLERK